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## **MISQUAMICUT FIRE DISTRICT**

### **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF OFFICERS**

**March 18, 2015**

#### **1. Call to Order**

**The Board of Officers Meeting of the Misquamicut Fire District was called to Order by Moderator Michelle Vacca at 4:30 p.m. on March 18, 2015.**

#### **2. Roll Call**

**The following Officers were present: Moderator Michelle Vacca, Tax Collector Mary Delisio, Clerk Dianne Vumback, Tax Assessor Leone D'Onofrio, Fire Chief Todd Findeisen and Member-at-Large Marilyn Bellesheim. Solicitor John P. Toscano, Jr. was also present. Treasurer William T. Sisco and Member-at-Large Russell Ryan were absent.**

#### **3. Resident Comments/Officers' Responses**

**None.**

#### **4. Consent Calendar**

##### **Approval of Minutes**

**Upon motion duly made by Fire Chief Todd Findeisen and seconded by Mr. Leone D'Onofrio to accept the meeting minutes of February 28, 2015 with corrections, and it was unanimously,**

**VOTED: To accept the meeting minutes of February 28, 2015**

##### **Appointment and Resignations**

###### **1. Russ Ryan hiring committee.**

**Discussion ensued that Mr. Russell Ryan will be in charge of hiring beach attendants and lifeguards. Ms. Mary Delisio emailed the Westerly high school counselor seeking their assistance in the hiring process. Ms. Marilyn Bellesheim will coordinate with the Y for lifeguards.**

#### **5. New Business**

## **(a) Discussion – Award of Bid for Tractor purchase**

**Bids were opened at 4:00 p.m. for the Kubota L4701HST 4WD on R4 Tires. All bids were taken under advisement:**

**Kahn Tractor & Equipment \$30,495**

**Norfolk Power Equipment \$31,517**

**Rhode Island Harvesting Co \$31,212 (-\$1,562 property insurance) = \$29,650**

**Fire Chief Todd Findeisen will ensure that Kahn and Norfolk pricing did not include property insurance to keep all pricing comparable.**

**Upon motion duly made by Mr. Leone D'Onofrio and seconded by Fire Chief Todd Findeisen that the Board awards the bid to Kahn at \$30,495; based on the adjusted price to remove the cost of insurance from RI Harvester bid at \$29,650, the decision to award the bid to Kahn was based on factors other than solely on price and the difference between the low bid and the Kahn bid was \$845, and it was unanimously,**

**VOTED: To award the bid to Kahn.**

## **6. Unfinished Business**

## **(a) Discussion – National Grid Energy Survey**

**National Grid contract was presented and National Grid will begin work end of April per Fire Chief Todd Findeisen. Copy of terms and conditions are on file.**

## **(b) Discussion – Electronic Gates**

**Discussion ensued over the difficulty getting contractors to respond.**

**Therefore, we have one quote to discuss. New England Security presented a proposal to Mr. Leone D'Onofrio at \$13,986.22. Quote includes an 18' entrance (single gate), not something we were looking for. Moderator and Fire Chief will contact local businesses to see who they worked with and get general pricing. Additionally, Mr. Leone D'Onofrio will continue to gather pricing from other contractors. Further discussion pertained to specifications preferred by the Board.**

## **(c) Discussion – Blackledge postpone until April Meeting**

**Postponed until April when Treasurer can be here.**

## **7. Communications and Reports**

### **(a) Report of Treasurer William T. Sisco**

**Not present – report on file.**

**(b) Report of Tax Collector Mary Z. Delisio**

**1. Status of Taxpayer arrearages**

**Arrears sent out – 103 bills sent out (10 received back). Solicitor John Toscano received copies of the four properties that were under consideration for tax sale from Ms. Mary Delisio.**

**(c) Report of Solicitor John P. Toscano**

**1. Tax Sale**

**Only properties owned by Barbara Stillman are eligible for tax sale with \$5,871.11 due. Fire Chief got in touch with her and she contacted Solicitor John Toscano, stating that she would begin making payments and hoped to pay in full within 90 days. No payments were ever received nor was further contact made.**

**Upon motion duly made by Mr. Leone D’Onofrio and seconded by Ms. Dianne Vumback, that the Solicitor goes forward with the tax sale for the four properties belonging to Barbara Stillman immediately, it was**

**VOTED: To go forward with Tax Sale.**

**(Ms. Marilyn Bellesheim –yes; Ms. Mary Delisio – yes; Mr. Leone D’Onofrio – yes; Moderator Michelle Vacca – yes; Ms. Dianne Vumback – yes; Fire Chief Todd Findeisen – abstain).**

**(d) Report of Centennial group by Clerk Dianne T. Vumback**

**Group met on Saturday, March 14, 2015. A date has been set for the Centennial Celebration: Sunday, September 6, 2015. The next meeting is set for March 28, 2015.**

**(e) Report of Fire Chief Todd Findeisen**

**Since our last meeting, five minor calls. Fire Chief states that it is important that people shut their water main off. The department had a special meeting and developed a point system for the incentive committee. Under the by-laws, it states, that the Fire Chief shall be state certified to inspect commercial properties.....we need to remove that. It was suggested to include that the Fire Chief lives and works in Westerly.**

**Upon motion duly made by Mr. Leone D'Onofrio and seconded by Ms. Marilyn Bellesheim that the Board rectifies the issue requiring the Fire Chief to be state certified to perform inspections at the next by law revision meeting, and until such time all commercial buildings will be inspected by the RI Fire Marshall office and residential properties will continue to be inspected by the local Fire Chief, it was unanimously**

**VOTED: that the Board rectifies the issue requiring the Fire Chief to be state certified to perform inspections at the next by law revision**

meeting, and until such time all commercial buildings will be inspected by the RI Fire Marshall office and residential properties will continue to be inspected by the local Fire Chief

Town of Westerly requires several signatures before you get your licenses. Suggestion was made that we ask the town if they would include that Misquamicut Fire District taxes must be paid before licenses are issued.

**(f) Report of Moderator Michelle M. Vacca**

**1. Discussion – State of RI Legislature Bills H343, 344, 345**

Bill # H5343 has temporarily been put on hold. We need to follow up with Representatives Algier and Azzinaro to make sure they are on top of this.

Moderator presented the Board with a bill of sale for the MFD Kubota L4310 for \$4,200 to Gary Maloney of 5 L Turano Avenue, Westerly, RI.  
(On file)

**8. Agenda Referrals**

The following items are referred to the next Board meeting under the agenda item of New Business:

**Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held March 18, 2015**

**Contract with Blackledge Final numbers**

**Pricing of Electronic Gates for two parking lots**

**Report of Centennial Group**

**The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Officers of the Misquamicut Fire District will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.**

## **9. Adjournment**

**There being no further business before the Board, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:06 p.m.**

**ADJOURNED.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Dianne Vumback, Clerk**